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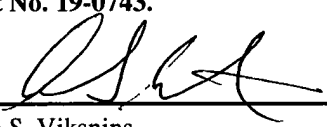
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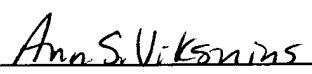
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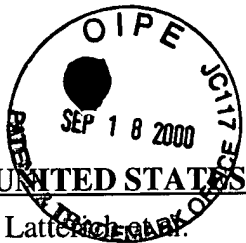

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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In response to the Office Action mailed April 10, 2000, please amend the application as indicated below.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a two-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action, thereby moving the deadline for response from July 10, 2000 to September 10, 2000.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 6, line 2, please delete "1. This is a schematic" and insert therefor -- 1A and 1B.

A1 These are schematics--

On page 6, line 9, please delete "3. This figure depicts" and insert therefor -- 3A and 3B.

A2 These figures depict--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. [Amended] A polynucleotide comprising a sequence encoding a functional vesicular fusion factor 2 protein (Vff2p), or a structural [or functional] homolog of Vff2p.

6. [Amended] The polynucleotide of claim 1, further comprising a [first] promoter operatively linked to the sequence encoding the Vff2p.

7. [Amended] The polynucleotide of claim 6 wherein the [first] promoter is a promoter that functions in a host cell to direct transcription of the sequence encoding the Vff2p.